

To whom it may concern,

I have always been interested in travel and discovering different languages, cultures and traditions, so much so that I chose to complete my degree and spend the last 8 years living in a foreign country: France. Having pursued my passion further by traveling extensively throughout Europe and North America, I now wish to challenge myself by visiting Asia, a continent completely different to what I already know.

After hearing so much positive feedback from people that have already visited the country and from Japanese people who speak so fondly of their homeland themselves, the decision to apply for a working holiday visa in Japan is an obvious one. With deep-rooted culture and traditions contrasted against the sophistication of technology, I always knew that Japan would be one of the first Asian countries I would like to visit.

Being particularly interested in foreign languages, I am keen to learn as much about the Japanese language as possible during my stay through day-to-day conversation and perhaps even some basic lessons. I also hope to nurture my growing passion for photography in Japan and take pictures of some of the fabulous landscapes from the mountains in the north, to the beautiful cherry blossoms during the spring, and the many peaceful temples throughout the country.

However, it is my passion for writing that I hope will truly convey everyday Japan. Should my application be successful, I hope to use the skills I have developed in my professional path to establish a blog documenting my time spent in the country and share my experiences with my family and friends. But above all, I hope that a blog will inspire others to go on a similar adventure and take time to discover what appears to be a wonderful country and culture.

Whilst I am excited if the prospect of visiting Japan for an extensive period of time, I understand that there are many challenges that come with traveling. Should it be linguistic or cultural misunderstandings, these are challenges that I hope to embrace and take positive experiences from. Overall, despite the few issues that may arise, I hope to integrate myself as best as I can into the Japanese lifestyle and walk away with memories to keep forever.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read and carefully consider this letter.

Best regards,